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13 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE**
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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15 L.C., a minor by and through her
16 guardian *ad litem* Maria Cadena,
17 individually and as successor-in-interest
18 to Hector Puga; I.H., a minor by and
through his guardian *ad litem* Jasmine
19 Hernandez, individually and as
successor-in-interest to Hector Puga;
20 A.L., a minor by and through her
21 guardian *ad litem* Lydia Lopez,
22 individually and as successor-in-interest
23 to Hector Puga; and ANTONIA SALAS
24 UBALDO, individually;

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26 Plaintiffs,
27 vs.

28 STATE OF CALIFORNIA; COUNTY
29 OF SAN BERNARDINO; S.S.C., a
30 nominal defendant; ISAIAH KEE;
31 MICHAEL BLACKWOOD;
32 BERNARDO RUBALCAVA; ROBERT
33 VACCARI; JAKE ADAMS; and DOES
34 6-10, inclusive,

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36 Defendants.

37 Case No. 5:22-cv-00949-KK-SHK

38 *Honorable Kenly Kiya Kato*

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40 **DECLARATION OF MARIA**
CADENA IN SUPPORT OF
PLAINTIFF L.C.'S EX PARTE
APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL
OF COMPROMISE OF MINOR
PLAINTIFFS AND MINOR
NOMINAL DEFENDANT'S CLAIMS

DECLARATION OF MARIA CADENA

I, Maria Cadena, hereby declare as follows:

3 1. I am the natural mother, legal guardian, and guardian ad litem of
4 Plaintiff L.C. in the above-referenced case. I have personal knowledge of the
5 matters stated herein and could testify competently thereto if called upon to do so. I
6 make this declaration in support of Plaintiff L.C.'s Ex Parte Application for
7 Approval of Compromise of Minor Plaintiffs' and Minor Nominal Defendant's
8 Claims.

9 2. I am requesting a lump sum payment of \$7,000 from L.C.'s structured
10 settlement annuity for the sole purpose of supporting my daughter, L.C., until she
11 reaches the age of majority. This money will only be used for L.C.'s care and
12 benefit, including for the following purposes: (1) to assist in the purchase of clothes
13 and school supplies for L.C.; (2) to assist with school-related costs for L.C.; and (3)
14 to assist with extracurricular costs for L.C.

15 3. I have reviewed the Application for Approval of Compromise of Minor
16 Plaintiffs' and Minor Nominal Defendant's Claims and am in agreement with the
17 contents of the Application and the selection of the annuity plan for Plaintiff L.C.

19 I declare under penalty of perjury pursuant to the laws of the United States of
20 America that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed
21 this 7/15/2025 in Long Beach, California.

Signed by:

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Maria Cadena